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'Dr. John Gold' Free on Bail

Fred Crisman, 49, of 928 N. Grant Ave., a radio commentator on a Puyallup station under the name 'Dr. John Gold,' was released on bail Thursday morning following his arrest near South 15th and Cedar at 1:50 a.m., police reported.

Police said Crisman was booked on charges of reckless driving, having no valid driver's license, and carrying a concealed weapon. A loaded .38-caliber pistol was found in his car, police said.

An arraignment was set for Nov. 8.

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A grand jury subpoena was issued Thursday for Fred Lee Crisman, of Tacoma, Wash., in connection with the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the district attorney's office said.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who directs the controversial investigation, said in an announcement that Crisman "has been engaged in undercover activity for a part of the industrial warfare complex for years."

Crisman was subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Nov. 21.

Garrison said his information indicates Crisman has made numerous trips to the New Orleans and Dallas areas in connection with undercover work for the warfare industry since the early 1960s.

He said Crisman is a former employe of Boeing Company and theorized that Crisman "has moved into an underground operation." Garrison said his office has developed information regarding a relationship between Crisman and "persons involved in the assassination of President John Kennedy."

"We want to reiterate," Garrison's statement said, "that President Kennedy was muredred by elements of the industrial warfare complex working in concert with individuals in the United States government."

"At the time of his murder, President Kennedy was working to end the Cold War," Garrison said. "By that time, however, the Cold War had become America's biggest business."

Garrison maintains that the assassination was the result of a conspiracy plotted in New Orleans. The Warren Commission ruled evidence indicated the President's slaying was the work of one man, Lee Harvey Oswald.

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By EDD JEFFORDS

A Tacoma man, Fred Lee Crisman, 49, of 928 N. Grant Ave., was subpoened by a New Orleans grand jury Thurday in connection with an investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Crisman, who conducts a talk program on Puyallup radio station KAYE under the pseudonym "Dr. Jon Gold," is a former high school teacher. He also claims to be a bishop in the Universal Life Church.

Dist Atty. Jim Garrison, who directs the New Orleans investigation, said Crisman was directed to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Nov. 21. He was arrested earlier Thursday by Tacoma police officers on charges of reckless driving, having no valid driver's license, and carrying a concealed weapon, and is to appear here for arraignment on those charges Nov. 8.

Known Association

The subpoened Tacoman is known to have been associated with at least one person already involved in the far-reaching investigation. In late 1966, Crisman and Thomas Edward Beckham incorporated seven businesses in Olympia, according to the police department there.

Among those companies were the Northwest Relief Society, Associated Discount Services, TAB Productions, Inc., Professional Research Bureau and the National Institute of Criminology.

Olympia police investigators said no business was conducted from an office rented by the pair. Some printed material was confiscated when the firms apparently went out of business, said officers.

Beckman, who entertained under the name "Mark Evans," was subpoened by Garrison last December, along with Loren Eugene Hall, of Kernville, Calif.

Gypsy Aid Program

Before beginning his present job as a radio commentator, Crisman was involved in a program to obtain a grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity for the education of Gypsy children.

He also taught for three years at White River High School in Buckley, resigning in June 1960.

Crisman says he is the local spiritual leader of an organization known as the Universal Life Church. In a booklet prepared by Crisman, he claims the title of church bishop. He also is listed as one of five local incorporators.

In a biography included in the pamphlet, the subpoena subject says he holds degrees from Washington State University, Brantridge College, in England, and the Athenaeum Ecumenical Divinity Institute.

Willamette Degree

Louis Bruno, state superintendent of public instruction, confirmed that Crisman was granted a bachelor's degree from Willamette University, in Oregon and completed one course at Pacific Lutheran University in 1958.

According to a statement from the British Consulate General, in Seattle, there is no such accredited school in England as Brantridge College.

At one time Crisman is known to have rented a vacant theater in Tacoma as headquarters of the ULC. There is no record of any services of the church ever being held there, however.

Other incorporation papers also once listed Crisman as president of a car lot owned at the time by former-Tacoman Julio Grassi, an unsuccessful candidate for mayor.

Election Campaign

Recently, the announcer was involved in a primary election campaign for Robert L. Lavender. Lavender unsuccessfully sought a state legislative seat as a Democrat in Seattle's 37th District and was chairman of the group formed to "draft" Albert D. Rosellini to run for governor in 1968.

Garrison's Tacoma subpoena is the latest of several issued on the West Coast.

Earlier this year, an arrest warrant charged Edgar Eugene Bradley, of Los Angeles, with conspiracy to commit murder. Bradly is the West Coast representative of Dr. Carl McIntyre, a conservative radio commentator, and successfully has fought extradition.

Subpoenas also have been issued in recent weeks for Lawrence Howard, of Los Angeles, and G. Clinton Wheat, of Klamath Falls, Ore. Howard answered the New Orleans subpoena, but Wheat refused to acknowledge it and now is reported to be hiding in Northern California.

The first person charged in Garrison's controversial probe, Clay L. Shaw, of New Orleans, recently appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court to halt prosecution.

Dist. Atty. Garrison maintains assassination was the result of a conspiracy plotted in New Orleans. The Warren Commission said available evidence indicated the slaying was the work of one man, Lee Harvey Oswald.

by Edd Jeffords

A pamphlet issued by Fred Lee Crisman on the eve of his subpoena by a New Orleans grand jury labels local sensitivity training classes "sinister," and calls for the infiltration and disruption of P-TA organizations.

The document, written and advertised by Crisman under his radio name "Jon Gold," indicates he believes sensitivity training is a Communist-oriented program.

His booklet, which is available for 50 cents from a Tacoma Post Office box number registered to the Universal Life Church, details a plan to disrupt elections of P-TAs and other community and civic organizations.

Bore From Within

"You must take a page from the Communist Manifesto . . . You must bore from within . . . You must learn to halt the elections at P-TA units," the booklet proclaims.

"Do not stop with school organizations," the document states, "infiltrate each garden club, suborn its social policy and convert it to an agit-prop group."

Calling for the establishment of a "central reaction headquarters," Crisman writes, "You must be ready to disrupt and delay any elections that allow officers to be installed that are not one of 'us'."

Crisman, in the mimeographed, 9 - page leaflet called local sensitivity training classes "organized brain washing," and urged readers to establish "small training cells" for the purpose of "agitation and propaganda."

War For Youth Minds

"Eventually," stated Crisman, "we will win this war for the minds of the youth of America."

Entitled "What to do until Sanity Returns," the booklet was labeled Issue No. 1.

Crisman, who advertised the document on his nightly radio talk show, was subpoened Thursday by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison in connection with an investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

By ROD CARDWELL

Mayor A. L. Rasmussen confirmed Friday that he summoned the police chief and deputy chief to his office late Thursday afternoon to hear Fred Lee Crisman explain his side of arrest charges against him.

Crisman, a commentator for Puyallup Radio Station KAYE, was arrested here early Thursday and booked on charges of reckless driving, having no valid driver's license and carrying a concealed weapon. He was later released on a $710 bail-bond.

Both Rasmussen and Chief Charles Zittel told The News Tribune that there was no attempt by the mayor to have the charges against Crisman quashed.

No Subpoena Discussion

Zittel also said that there was no discussion in the meeting of news service reports from New Orleans that Crisman, of Tacoma, had been subpoenaed to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in connection with the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"We didn't discuss that because it's not a Tacoma police matter," Zittel said.

Others at the meeting were Deputy Chief R. C. Duppenthaler and Jim Nicholls, manager of KAYE.

Rasmussen said he merely wanted the police officials to hear Crisman explain the "combination of circumstances" involved in his arrest.

Obtained Gun Permit

Zittel said Crisman showed him a gun permit which he obtained Thursday, following his arrest, from Sheriff Jack Berry.

The police arrest report on Crisman stated that a loaded .38-caliber pistol was found in his automobile.

Crisman, who has a night talk show on KAYE under the name "Dr. Jon Gold," is to appear for arraignment in Municipal Court Nov. 8.

The bail bond was posted by John Carbone, a bondsman.

Rasmussen said Crisman believes it essential that he carry a weapon because of the commentator's contention that he was shot at recently while driving on the River Road.

Oregon Driver's License

The mayor said Crisman has an Oregon driver's license because his voting residence is in that state.

Rasmussen quoted Crisman as saying that an unlighted auto pursued him early Thursday and that he attempted to elude it. According to the mayor, the auto caught up with Crisman and flashed a red light, and that Crisman was relieved to find it was a police car.

Radio Station KAYE has carried live broadcasts of City Council meetings since Rasmussen took office last November.

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By JACK WILKINS

No subpoena from New Orleans has yet been served upon Tacoman Fred Lee Crisman, he told The News Tribune Saturday. But he said that when it is served, he will be willing to go, provided expenses are paid for himself and his attorney, Robert G. Griffin.

Crisman also said he believes there was a conspiracy behind the assassination of John F. Kennedy but that he does not know who conspired and that he had nothing whatsoever to do with it.

The subpoena, issued by a New Orleans grand jury, is in connection with an investigation of the assassination.

He said Saturday that in his opinion New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who is in charge of an investigation of the assassination, believes that money raised by anti-Castro groups was diverted to finance the assassination.

Met Him Later

Crisman said he has been associated with Thomas Edward Beckman, who was a disc jockey in New Orleans under the name "Mark Evans." Crisman said Beckman was a "banker" for the "Cuban freedom fighters" and that Garrison probably has arrived at the erroneous conclusion that Crisman knows something of importance about Beckham.

"But I met him after all this had taken place," Crisman told The News Tribune. "I met him here in the Northwest."

Crisman said he does believe there was a conspiracy behind the assassination.

"Lee Harvey Oswald obviously had a part in the conspiracy," he said, "but there must have been much more to it. Anyone with military training knows that from a bolt-action rifle, that many shots could not have been fired into that small a target, which was moving along a curve, in a 15-mile-a-hour wind, with the shots coming from six stories high. At least, it couldn't have been done with only the amount of practice that Oswald was supposed to have had."

Beckham was subpoenaed by Garrison last December, along with Eugene Hall, of Kernville, Calif.

Theorizing about Garrison's reasons for issuing the subpoena, Crisman said:

"Before the Bay of Pigs disaster and the missile crisis, the Cuban refugees in Florida and Louisiana were regarded as heroes. Lots of big private money came in to support the training and equipping of forces in Central America for an anti-Castro invasion.

"Beckham (or Evans) was a very successful New Orleans disc jockey at the time. He was brought into some of the fund-raising parties for the freedom fighters . . .

Look for Money

"Then came the Bay of Pigs. No one was interested in another invasion, and everyone started looking for the money that had been raised. The CIA had charged the refugees for the training given them, but this did not account for all of the money.

"The FBI and Treasury agents began looking for Beckham, who had been 'banker' for the freedom fighters. He stopped at Dallas, and then in Jacksonville. At Jacksonville, he turned over $30,000 to the FBI — but I understand that Garrison feels he dropped off 10 times that amount in Dallas, and that the money was used to finance the assassination."

Crisman said that subsequently he met Beckham in the Pacific Northwest and traveled to New Orleans and other eastern cities with him to help promote records.

Super - Spy

"Perhaps Garrison feels that some of the money is buried in the Northwest and that if he gets a lead to it, he will get a lead to the assassination," Crisman commented.

He also said that Garrison pictures him as a "highly paid undercover man, a kind of super-spy engaged in industrial espionage."

He asserted that he is not engaged in any such activity.

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By EDD JEFFORDS

Fred Lee Crisman, 49, of 928 N. Grant Ave, Wednesday night was served with a subpoena ordering him to appear before the New Orleans Parish Grand Jury Nov. 21 and 22 to testify in connection with an investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who directs the investigation, said Monday that he was calling Crisman as a witness because his office has developed information regarding a relationship between Crisman and the district attorney's investigation into the Kennedy assassination.

Louis W. Ivon, chief investigator for the district attorney, said Crisman has been asked to testify in New Orleans under a subpoena, which would prevent his being arrested there in connection with the case.

Pair Indicted

Two persons, Clay L. Shaw, of New Orleans, and Edgar Eugene Bradley, of Los Angeles, already have been indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy in the murder.

Crisman, who repeatedly has said he will answer the subpoena, accepted the legal document in apparent good spirits. He questioned, however, an accompanying check for slightly more than $500.

The Tacoma man said he would contact Garrison's office in an effort to obtain a larger sum so his attorney, Robert Griffin, can accompany him to Louisiana.

Crisman, who also uses the names Fred Lee and Dr. Jon Gold, was a business partner of Thomas Edward Beckham, who already has testified before the grand jury. Ivon would neither confirm nor deny speculation that Crisman was called to testify as a result of Beckham's testimony.

Crisman stated in an interview that Beckham was involved with anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans in 1963 before coming to this area where he was associated with Crisman.

Anti-Castroites

Testifying in the probe at about the same time as Beckham were Lawrence Howard and Loren Eugene Hall, both described as anti-Castroites now residing in Southern California. An Oregon man, G. Clinton Wheat, of Klamath Falls, was subpoenaed in July but has refused to testify and is reported to be in hiding.

Edgar Bradley, the second person indicted by the New Orleans Parish Grand Jury in the case, will appear Friday in Sacramento for extradition proceedings. Clay Shaw, a retired businessman accused by Garrison of being active in the planning of Kennedy's murder, has appealed his case to the U.S. Supreme Court on the grounds that Garrison violated his civil rights.

The court has given no indication whether it will hear the case.

Garrison on many occasions has stated President Kennedy's death was the result of a conspiracy involving anti-Castro Cubans, right-wing militants and persons who previously had cooperated with the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Warren Report, on the basis of what it said was available evidence, concluded the assassination was the work of Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone. Crisman's name does not appear in the report.

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Fred Crisman, 49, of 928 N. Grant Ave., who has been subpoenaed by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison to testify in connection with an investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, appeared in court here Thursday.

Crisman, arraigned before Judge Dewitt Rowland's municipal court, entered pleas of innocent to charges of reckless driving, having no valid driver's license and carrying a concealed weapon, according to City Prosecutor Geoffrey Cross.

He was arrested the morning of Oct. 31 by Tacoma police near South 15th and Cedar streets on the charges. He was released on bail the same morning.

The date of his jury trial, originally slated for Friday, was set over to Jan. 10 by Judge Rowland at the request of Crisman's attorney, Robert Griffin, who explained that he is busy preparing defenses in cases soon to come up in higher court.

Cross pointed out that Crisman will be leaving soon to answer his subpoena in New Orleans.

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A new city ordinance which prohibits the publication of certain material will be discussed by a panel of newsmen at 9:20 p.m. Saturday at Court C Coffeehouse, 912 Court C.

The panel will include Gene Lewis, radio KTNT news director; Win Anderson and Edd Jeffords, newspaper reporters; and Fred L. Crisman, who conducts a talk show on radio KAYE under the name Dr. Jon Gold.

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Attorney Robert G. Griffin said Wednesday he would accompany his client, Fred Lee Crisman, to New Orleans where Crisman will testify Thursday morning before the grand jury there.

Griffin said he and Crisman would arrive there Wednesday night and be ready to testify at 9:30 the next morning.

After being subpoenaed by District Atty. Jim Garrison to testify in the New Orleans investigation of Pres. John F. Kennedy's assassination, Crisman said he would go only if funds were provided so his attorney could accompany him.

He indicated he would ask Garrison's office for more than the $550 which was given him with the New Orleans subpoena. Attorney Griffin said Wednesday that he is to be reimbursed for his expenses when the pair reaches Louisiana.

Strong Ties

Crisman who conducts a radio talk show as "Dr. Jon Gold," apparently was subpoenaed on the testimony of Thomas Edward Beckham, a singer and radio announcer who testified in February. Beckham allegedly had strong ties with militant anti-Castro Cubans who Garrison has said were involved in a conspiracy to murder the President.

Crisman and Beckham, who also was known as Mark Evans, were once business partners in Olympia.

The Tacoman admitted his association with Beckham and said he had been in New Orleans several times. He denied, however, any knowledge of an assassination plot and said he doesn't know why Garrison issued the subpoenae for him.

Two persons already have been charged with conspiracy in the case by the New Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

Shaw Charged

Clay L. Shaw, the first to be charged, has appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court to halt prosecution on the grounds that Garrison violated his civil rights. He is appealing a decision of the Louisiana Supreme Court which found the New Orleans district attorney was within his rights in acting as he did.

The second man charged with conspiracy in the murder, Edgar Eugene Bradley, of Los Angeles, apparently never will stand trial, due to action last week by California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

Governor Reagan will not allow Bradley to be extradited from California to face the Louisiana indictment. Bradley is employed by Dr. Carl McIntyre, who conducts conservative radio programs across the nation.

District Attorney Garrison has contended that President Kennedy's assassination was the result of a New Orleans-based conspiracy.

The Warren Commission, empowered by President Johnson to investigate the murder, ruled that it was the work of Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone.